

Senate Resolution 467

By: Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Henson of the 41st, Seay of the 34th,
Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Higher Education Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth
2 Study Committee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this body is committed to the education of Georgia's youth who are from foster
4 care or homeless situations; and

5 WHEREAS, tuition and financial aid tools can be used to aid in the higher education pursuits
6 of youth from foster care or homeless situations; and

7 WHEREAS, study is needed to examine tools and aids that can benefit youth from foster care
8 or homeless situations in pursuing career preparation and degrees from units of the
9 University System of Georgia and branches of the Technical College System of Georgia.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

11 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Higher Education
12 Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Study Committee.

13 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of three members of the
14 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President, from the three
15 members of the Senate, shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the
16 committee. The President shall also appoint an additional two members who are
17 members of the House of Representatives on the recommendation of the Speaker of the
18 House of Representatives.

19 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
20 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
21 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

22 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
23 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
24 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
25 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

26 **(5) Allowances and funding.**

27 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
28 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

29 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
30 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
31 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
32 appropriated to the Senate.

33 **(6) Report.**

34 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
35 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
36 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
37 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

38 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
39 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
40 of this paragraph.

41 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
42 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
43 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
44 the Secretary of the Senate.

45 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
46 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

47 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.